

Update May 26, 2005

Warning

Bent Creek Experimental Forest Logging

Unit 4 of the Bent Creek timber sale, located on Hardtimes road, is now complete. The Hardtimes road as well as the trails that intersected Hardtimes are now open for public use. (South Ridge Road, Rocky Cove Road, Bent Creek Gap Trail, and Hardtimes road)

Operations are now active on Unit 2. This unit is located west of Boyd Branch road from near the intersection of Trail 145 and Boyd Branch road up to an including trail 136 (Little Hickory Top).

Operation of unit 2 have now closed the following trails / roads to public use.

- 1) Boyd Branch road from intersection with Trail 137A (Lower Sidehill) to the intersection with trail 665 (Boyd Branch Trail)
- 2) Trail 145 (Sidehill trail) from intersection with Boyd Branch trail to intersection with Laurel Branch. The lower section of Laurel Branch is open, however the trail is closed prior to getting to the intersection with trail 136 (Little Hickory Top) and is therefore not a through trail.
- 3) Trail 136 (Little Hickory Top) is also closed from Ingles Field to intersection with trail 145 (Sidehill Trail).

The last unit to be harvest will be unit 3 and this unit will require that just about the same trails be closed during its operation, with the exception of Trail 136 which may only need to be closed during part of the operation.

All closed trails and road are signed on the road and information and maps are posted at the kiosks. Please check the kiosks prior to heading out to ensure that your route will not intersected with closed trails or roads.

Hauling is only allowed on weekdays, however, logging operation such as felling and skidding can be taking place at any time. Logging operations are very dangerous areas and should not be entered for any reason.

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